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My citizenship, residence and post office address are as listed below next to my name.

I believe I am a joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Data Storage Apparatus**

Acknowledgment of Duty of Disclosure.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

Power of Attorney.

I hereby appoint the practitioners at customer number 21121 as attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please send correspondence to customer number 21121.

Claim for Priority.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of the foreign applications listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Irish Patent Application S2001/0783 filed August 24, 2001

Irish Patent Application S2001/0416 filed April 26, 2001

Foreign application(s), if any, filed more than 12 months prior to said application:

None

Provisional Application. I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of the following United States provisional application:

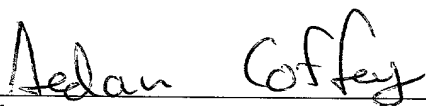
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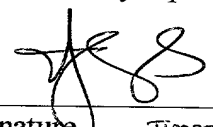
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